

SYMYX/7 CON1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yumin Liu

Application No.: 09/815,914 Confirmation No.: 7459

Filed : March 22, 2001

For : PROCESSES FOR OXIDATIVE DEHYDROGENATION

Group Art Unit : 1764

Examiner : Tam M. Nguyen

New York, New York 10020 March 24, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a),

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated December 6, 2002. With the extension, a response is due on or before April 6, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s)

transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same,

960 pp 53

to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Bern Pablo D. Hendler (Reg. No. 40,015)

Attorney for Applicant

Karen E. Brown (Reg. No. 43,866)

Nina R. Horan (Reg. No. 47,662)

Agents for Applicant

FISH & NEAVE

Customer No. 1473

1251 Avenue of the Americas

New York, New York 10020-1104

Tel.: (212) 596-9000

Fax: (212) 596-9090